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Subject: Issuance of Additional RelPot Software and Supplemental Assay Method

To: Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants
Veterinary Services Management Team
Directors, Center for Veterinary Biologics

The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties that the Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB) is issuing an additional version of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Veterinary Biologics Program's Relative Potency Calculation Software (*RelPot*) that is used in calculation of *in vitro* relative potency antigen quantitation assays and is updating the corresponding Supplemental Assay Method (SAM) to reflect the availability of software for both DOS and Windows based operating systems.

Version 4.0 of *RelPot*, like the previous versions, operates on an IBM or IBM compatible computer. Version 4.0 operates as a Windows 95, 98, ME, NT, or XP program. The DOS version, *RelPot* 3.1, will continue to be available. No changes to the calculation methods have been made in version 4.0. The same data entered in either version 3.1 or 4.0 will result in the same relative potency values. Version 4.0 has been substantially changed in operation and use in order to operate under the Windows operating system

MVSAM0318.03. Supplemental Assay Method for Evaluation by the Relative Potency Method of *In Vitro* Enzyme Immunoassays Used in Testing of Veterinary Vaccines. This document supersedes the July 9, 2001, version. The materials section has been amended to reflect the differences between the two versions, and Appendix A has been updated to allow selection of a version when ordering.

Previous users who have received version 3.1 will be receiving version 4.0 automatically. Other interested parties who wish to receive either version should complete Appendix A of SAM 318 and mail that form to the CVB.

The SAM is also available as an Adobe Acrobat pdf file on the world wide web (WWW) at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/cvb/lab>.



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For those firms and interested parties with E-mail addresses and WWW access to the SAMs, this notification has been sent via electronic mail. If you would prefer to receive information from the CVB via electronic mail, please send your E-mail address to cvb@aphis.usda.gov.

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